

Amazing Animals

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Predicting

You are going to read two articles today. Before you read the articles, look at the following words and look up any words you don't know.

Article A : *locals Adriatic Sea hung on Gulf dubbed dolphin drown realize*

Article B : *vets (veterinarians) SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) mascot breeder kennels Cape Town propose*

B: Vocabulary Check

Choose a suitable word from those above and complete the sentences below. (You will NOT use all the words.) (1 point each) Score ____ /8

1. A _____ is someone or something that brings sportsmen and sportswomen luck.
2. _____ are animal doctors.
3. A place where dogs stay is called a _____.
4. A _____ is an area of sea shaped like a big bay.
5. To suggest something is to _____ something.
6. The _____ is an organization which takes care of animals.
7. John was _____ "Einstein" by his classmates because he was very intelligent.
8. At first I didn't _____ it was Susan because she had dyed her hair and lost a lot of weight.

Reading Activities: Article A

A: Gap Fill Quickly read Article A and fill in the missing words from the list below. Then, listen to your teacher read the article and check your answers.

Article A

MANFREDONIA Italy Monday August 28
(Reuters) - A dolphin saved (1) _____ 14-year-old boy from drowning in (2) _____ Adriatic Sea on Monday pushing him to the surface and helping (3) _____ to a nearby boat. The boy, (4) _____ could not swim, told Italian news agency ANSA that he fell from the boat while he was sailing (5) _____ his father in the Gulf of Manfredonia off the southern Italian coast.

"When I realized it was Filippo I hung on to him," the boy said referring to the dolphin. The (6) _____ carried the boy to the boat (7) _____ swam away. (8) _____ have (9) _____ the dolphin "Fillipo." They say Fillipo (10) _____ lived in the waters of the gulf for years.

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(1 point each) Score ____ /10

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

B: Comprehension With your group, take turns reading the Article A out loud. Then, discuss these questions and write your answers in **FULL** sentences

1. What saved the boy? (2 points each) Score ____ /10
2. Why did he nearly drown?
3. Who was with the boy in the boat?
4. What do local people say?
5. How exactly was the boy saved?

Reading Activities: Article B

A: Gap Fill Quickly read Article B and fill in the missing words from the list below. Then, listen to your teacher read the article and check your answers.

Article B

CAPETOWN Wednesday August 16 Reuters)- South African vets are carrying out DNA tests to decide the ownership of (1) _____ dog at the center of a battle-of-love between the crew of a Taiwanese cargo ship (2) _____ a Cape Town woman.

“This is the first time I have known anything like this,” Shaun Bodington, chief inspector of the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, (3) _____ a Reuters reporter on Tuesday. “I (4) _____ the bill will be about 1,000 rand all in.”

The crew insist the German Shepherd dog (5) _____ they call Parpi is a mascot who came from a local breeder

11 months ago and was (6) _____ the ship when they entered port. But local resident Stella Fuller says the dog is (7) _____ Max and disappeared a month ago from her mother’s house. Police (8) _____ called in after Fuller spotted the dog and said it had been kidnapped by the sailors who local rumor had it were proposing to put (9) _____ on the menu.

At present the dog is at the SPCA kennels. The DNA tests will show whether the dog came from the local breeder or if there has been a case of (10) _____ identity.

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(1 point each) Score ____/10

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

***reckon** - to think to believe something is true because you have thought about it

***mistaken** – wrong

B: Comprehension With your group, take turns reading Article B out loud. Then, discuss these questions and write your answers in FULL sentences

1. Why are vets doing DNA tests? (2 points each) Score ____/10

2. The dog has two names. What are they?

3. Who wants the dog?

4. What does Stella Fuller say?

5. What do the Taiwanese crew say?

Post-Reading Activity

A: Language Point: Comparing Animals

Look at the following sentences.

1. *Lions are larger than pigs.*

2. *Dolphins are more playful than sharks.*

3. *Hippos are less heavy than elephants.*

4. *Pigs are not as cute as rabbits.*

	one-syllable adjectives	three-or-more-syllable adjectives
positive	large + <i>er</i> = larger hot + <i>ter</i> = hotter	<i>more</i> + playful = more playful <i>more</i> + beautiful = more beautiful
negative	<i>less</i> + large <i>not</i> + as + cute + as	

Use the cues in the parentheses to make sentences comparing these animals. Try to use all the animals.

gazelle cheetah tortoise humpback whale falcon spider monkey hippo wild boar wolf raccoon dog jaguar giraffe snake

example: (positive/timid) Gazelles are more timid than hippos.
(negative/quick) Tortoises are not as quick as wolves.

1. (positive/ferocious)

2. (negative/curious)

3. (positive/swift)

4. (negative/slender)

5. (positive/clever)

6. (negative/graceful)

7. (positive/plump)

8. (negative/stealthy)

9. (positive/agile)

10. (negative/tall)

B: Writing

Imagine that you have been re-incarnated as an animal. What animal would you like to be? Why? Also, how would your life be different than your life as a human?

Score ____/10

C: New Words

In the “Additional New Words and Expressions” section of your Reading Journal, add all the words you did not know in today’s worksheet.

When you are finished, check your own answers and write your scores!

B: Vocabulary Check - Answers

1. mascot 2. vets 3. kennels 4. gulf 5. propose 6. SPCA 7. dubbed 8. realize

A: Gap Fill Article A

1. a 2. the 3. him 4. who 5. with 6. mammal 7. and 8. locals 9. named 10. has

A: Gap Fill - Article B

1. a 2. and 3. told 4. reckon 5. which 6. on 7. called 8. were 9. it 10. mistaken